IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 6980 OF 2007

1. Shri Puransingh M. Labana & 2 ors.] .. Petitioners

Versus

1. The State of Maharashtra & 2 ors.] .. Respondents

Mr. S.P. Kanuga with S.L. Kanuga for the petitioners.

Mr. C.R. Sonawane, AGP, for the respondents.

CORAM: S.B. MHASE &
D.G. KARNIK, JJ.

DATED: 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2007

P.C. :

1. Heard. Rule. Returnable forthwith. By consent, taken up for final hearing.

2. The petitioners have approached this Court seeking direction to the respondent No.2 to dispose of the Revision Petition No.57 of 2004 within a stipulated period. Mr. C.R. Sonawane, the learned Assistant Government Pleader has no objection if such direction to decide the said Revision within a stipulated period is given. However, Mr. Sonawane submitted that six months' time may be granted.

3. What we find is that the impugned order in the said Revision Petition was passed on 15th May, 2004 and thereafter, the Revision Petition was filed in July, 2004. It is pending for more than three years with the respondent No.2. Under these circumstances, the Revision Petition should have been disposed of expeditiously by the respondent No.2 since the Petition pertains to the problems of Displaced Persons (Compensation & Rehabilitation) Act, 1954.

4. We, therefore, direct the respondent No.2 to decide the Revision Petition No.57 of 2004 filed by the petitioner within a period of three months from the date of receipt of the Writ after giving a full and fair opportunity to the petitioners and all other concerned parties to appear and put up their say in the matter. We expect a well-reasoned order by the concerned Officer.

5. With the above directions, Writ Petition stands disposed of.

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[D.G. KARNIK, J.]

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[S.B. MHASE, J.]